

REMARKS

Claims 3-6, 9, 11, 14-23 and 26-30 are presented for consideration, with Claims 3, 5, 6, 11, 14, 16, 19, 21 and 28-30 being independent.

As will be appreciated, Claims 3-6, 9, 11, 14-23, 26 and 27 are previously allowed. Changes to Claim 3, 5, 6, 11, 14, 16-19 and 21 have been made, but these changes are submitted to not change their allowed status.

Claims 28-30 have been added to provide an additional scope of protection.

FOURTH SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

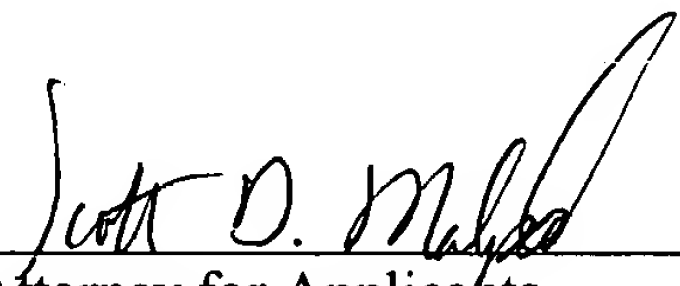
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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